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Hannah Gibson Promoted to Program Administrator in Re-entry Branch

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov 23, 2015) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Kim Potter-Blair today announced the promotion of Hannah Gibson to program administrator in the Re-entry Branch. She assumed her new duties on Nov. 16.

"Gibson goes above and beyond the call of duty," said Potter-Blair. "Her great communication skills and professionalism will make her successful in this position."

Gibson began her career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer in 2010. In 2012, she took the opportunity to be a re-entry parole officer funded through a Second Chance Act federal grant. In this position, she was able to increase her skills as a mentor for those who struggle with multiple barriers when re-integrating back into society. Gibson attended community resource gatherings, meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Re-Entry, and resource meetings with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She was a field training officer and safety officer in her district.

Gibson was one of the first instructors to pilot a cognitive behavioral therapy class called "Thinking for a Change" for offenders on supervision. Along with this, she is trained to teach a number of evidence-based programs and is certified to evaluate the quality of programs being facilitated in institutions. Gibson has twice been appointed to serve as the state representative for the International Community Corrections Association (ICCA).

Gibson is a 2010 graduate of Indiana University Southeast with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She is a member of the 2015 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program and the Certificate of Supervisory Essentials Leadership Program. Gibson is secretary of the Louisville Chapter of Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD).

Editor's note: Photo attached